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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's response filed on June 2, 2010 is acknowledged and is answered as follows.

Applicant's arguments, see pgs. 2-4, with respect to the rejection of claim 1 that Onomura in view of Takatani do not teach or suggest a critical feature of "the thickness of positive-electrode-metal containing layer of about 1-8 nm" have been fully considered but they are not persuasive in view of the following reasons.

Table 1 of the invention shows the difference in the positive-electrode-metal-containing layer thickness results in a difference in forward voltage. Table 1 only shows the expected result of the forward voltage which is not critical.

The specification contains no disclosure of either the critical nature of the claimed arrangement (i.e.- the thickness of positive-electrode-metal containing layer of about 1-8 nm) or any unexpected results arising therefrom. Where patentability is said to be based upon particular chosen limitations or upon another variable recited in a claim, the applicant must show that the chosen limitations are critical. In re Woodruff, 919 F.2d 1575, 1578 (FED. Cir. 1990).

In view of the foregoing reasons, the Examiner believes that all Applicant's arguments and remarks are addressed. The Examiner has determined that the previous Office Action is still proper based on the above responses. Therefore, the rejections are sustained and maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRANG Q. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)270-3259. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu (9am-5pm).

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